

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicants: Masahiko Hatanaka, et al.  
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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
COMPRESSING IMAGE DATA  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

**Expedited Procedure**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 22, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- ☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.